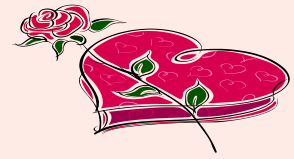


# City of Martinsville



## The Grapevine



February 2012

*City Of Martinsville "Shared Vision" – As faithful stewards of the public trust, we will create, in partnership with the citizens of Martinsville and the surrounding region, a strong, innovative, and unified community where every citizen may have the opportunity to become self-sufficient with satisfaction, pride and a high quality of life. "A City without Limits"*

### February Birthdays

Bruce Francisco	2nd
John White	2nd
Cricket Hankins	3rd
Terry Agee	4th
Patty Eanes	4th
Amber Fulcher	4th
Alberto Herrero	5th
Darrell Hammock	6th
Eddie Dillard	9th
Jay Collins	14th
Connie Marshall	14th
Andy Powers	14th
Dennis Pritchett	16th
Skip Smith	16th
Dennis Bowles	19th
Jeff Corcoran	19th
Doug Wood	24th
Pete Hall	28th
Garry Clifton	28th
Kathy Reed	28th
Karen Roberts	28th
Donna Harris	29th

### February is American Heart Month

#### Heart Disease is the

#### Number One Cause of Death

About every 25 seconds, an American will have a coronary event.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States and is a major cause of disability. The most common heart disease in the United States is coronary heart disease, which often appears as a heart attack. In 2010, an estimated 785,000 Americans had a new coronary attack, and about 470,000 had a recurrent attack. About every 25 seconds, an American will have a coronary event, and about one every minute will die from one.<sup>1</sup>

The chance of developing coronary heart disease can be reduced by taking steps to prevent and control factors that put people at greater risk. Additionally, knowing the signs and symptoms of heart attack are crucial to the most positive outcomes after having a heart attack. People who have survived a heart attack can also work to reduce their risk of another heart attack or a stroke in the future. For more information on heart disease and stroke. Source: [CDC's Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention](#).

### Pictures from the City Manager's Reception on Jan 11th



**Comings and Goings....let's welcome Karen Roberts (Public Works) & say good-bye to Clarence Monday (City Manager) & Wanda Jessup (Finance) & Gina Shelor (Treasurer's Office).**



Congratulations to Lieutenant Keith Hudson and Combination Building Inspector Kris Bridges on their recent awards from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Keith was awarded the Emergency Medical Services Award, and Kris was awarded the Fire Safety Commendation Award. Pictured from left to right are: Fire Chief Kenneth Draper, Lieutenant Keith Hudson, Combination Building Inspector Kris Bridges and Robert Vogler, President of the local chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

**Total Calls Taken In The Month Of December**

☛ Police –1859    ☛ Fire –21    ☛ EMS – 228

Every month this year, one employee will win a \$25 Kroger gift card. The name will be drawn from a pool of all full-time City employees and Constitutionals.

The winner for January is Laura Hopkins, Sheriff's Dept.

**Service Milestones Reached in February**

**Cynthia Carson, Utility Billing    10 Years**

**William Wilson, Public Works    10 years**

**Anthem members.....just a reminder that as of 12/31/11, Walgreen's no longer accepts Express Scripts (Anthem's prescription program). You will need to move your prescriptions to another pharmacy to get the full benefit of your insurance.**

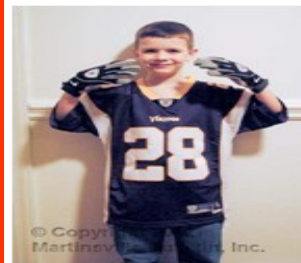
**Sam's Club Annual Membership****Renewal & New Member Sign-up**

March 7 from 9AM– 2 PM in Human Resources

March 13 from 9AM—11AM in Human Resources

March 13 from 11:30AM—1PM at the City Garage

Annual Membership rate is \$40 but those joining/renewing on these dates will also receive a \$10 Sam's Gift Card



Braxton Boitnott, son of Andy Boitnott (Police), caught these gloves from Minnesota Vikings all-pro running back Adrian Peterson as Peterson was carted off the field after suffering a knee injury during a Dec. 24 game against the Washington Redskins in Landover, Md. (Bulletin photo by Johnny Buck)

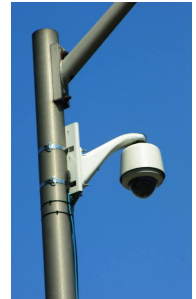
On January 11, in the afternoon, Mrs. Fitzgerald called to report a large tree had fallen in her yard onto the cars and roof of the house. Mrs. Fitzgerald said Jimmy Rigney and Greg Robertson arrived and started to clear up the wire. She said others came out and helped also, but she spoke with Jimmy and Greg afterwards when they came and asked her if her power was back on and everything in the house was ok. She said they were so nice and she was amazed at how fast they cleared up the problem. Per Mrs. Fitzgerald, "They worked in the pouring down rain and never got back into the truck until everything was completed."

**Video Cameras at Signalized Intersections** (from the Martinsville Transportation Safety Commission)**Why are the cameras attached to the signals so high?**

A higher mounting position allows for a better angle and wider view, which in turn generally allows for 1 camera to cover all lanes in a particular direction. Lower mounting heights would not provide an effective image.

**What are the cameras for?**

The overhead cameras you see at a traffic signal are solely for detecting the presence of vehicles in order to provide the best distribution of green time based on traffic demand. They are cost-effective replacements for in-ground induction loops that are cut into the pavement. Comparing the overall costs of the in-ground loops vs. the overhead cameras today gives the cameras the edge. They cost more upfront but less in the long run. The cameras are not focused on you the driver, but instead on your vehicle as it moves towards the intersection. As your vehicle enters defined areas or "zones" within the camera's field of view, the camera's processor detects a change in the "zone". An output is sent to the traffic signals controller that says a vehicle is requesting green time for its direction. One camera controls both through and turning lanes. A camera does a much better job of detecting motorcycles and bicycles than "loop detectors" do. These particular cameras are in no way tied to any law enforcement system. They are solely for detecting the presence of vehicles within their view. They are not capable of producing an image detailed enough to read license plates or facial features. They are not "Red Light" cameras. There is no recording of these cameras. The video is analyzed by the processor in real-time, with no storage whatsoever of the image stream.



The Public Works department hosted the ribbon cutting for the relocated Depot Street on Jan 11th. From left to right: Mark Fabinski, Bryant Byrd, Eddie Frazier, D J Cole, Doug Huston, Jeff Nelson, Jay Collins, Charles Anderson, Danny Worrell, Gary Setliff, William Wilson, Ronnie Gammons, Terry Agee.

Condolences go out to the family of George Oakes (retiree) who passed away Dec 22nd....and to Jason Hairfield (Public Works) in the death of his grandmother Naomi Campbell on Jan 2nd....and to Sam Owens (retiree) in the death of his wife Liz on Jan 11th....and to Donna O'Dell (HR) in the death of her aunt Edna Oakley on Jan 11th....and to Ernest Amburn (Senior Center) in the death of his sister Susie Scott on Jan 11th....and to Lane Shively in the death of his mother Viven Shively on Jan 19th.